

What's the difference between a Form 27 and Form 2 and which form should you file? The Form 27 stops a benefit currently being paid either with or without prejudice. The burden of proof to stop benefits already being paid is on the carrier/employer. A Form 2 is notice that the carrier does not feel the available evidence reasonably supports compensability of the benefit requested.

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**VDOL WC Specialists' 1 Tips for Filing a Denial (Form 2)**

1. File a denial on the actual Form 2 rather than in a letter. The Form 2 gives the claimant information on appealing.
2. File within the 21-day limit.
3. Evidence **MUST** be attached to the Form 2, which may include:
  - a. When denying a bill, send in both the bill and the medical report.
  - b. When a denial is based on a lack of timely response, provide a copy of letters to the claimant or the medical provider(s) requesting information.
4. Provide a cover letter explaining the reason for the denial.
5. Make sure to send a copy to the claimant.
6. ATTACH Evidence, Evidence, Evidence...